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#### Order

No. 38/28/2017/MAG/ELN/13001

#### Order Under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

To,  
The Public Generally.

Whereas, the General Assembly Elections, 2017, are due to be held before 1st week of March, 2017 and accordingly the Election Code of Conduct is likely to be announced soon and directions have been given by Election Commission of India, New Delhi to ensure free, fair and peaceful Elections;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms and firearms and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the election process and to prevent obstructions, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time.

Now therefore, I, Swapnil M. Naik, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao, in exercise of

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the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P.C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all types of arms, firearms, ammunition, lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, through fare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of South Goa with immediate effect until further orders;

Further, all the arms license holders in South Goa District are directed to deposit all their firearms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective Jurisdiction immediately, and in no case after 6th January, 2017. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the license holders after five days from counting i.e. after the election process is over;

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal firearm/s license or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 19th day of December, 2016.

Margao.— The District Magistrate & DEO, South Goa District, *Swapnil M. Naik*, IAS.

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